

**AGENDA**

**INTERTRIBAL MONITORING ASSOCIATION  
20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**“Strengthening the Management of Indian Trust Assets”**

**October 20-22, 2010**

**Luxor Hotel & Casino  
3900 Las Vegas Blvd South  
Las Vegas, NV 89119**



**WEDNESDAY – October 20, 2010**

**Room : Nile B.....8:30 a.m.....CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING.....ITMA Chairman Michael Finley**  
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Colville

**INVOCATION.....ITMA Vice Chairman Scott Russell**  
Crow Tribal Council Secretary

**ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS..... Mary Zuni-Chalan**  
ITMA Executive Director

**9:10 a.m. WELCOMING & CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**  
*An overview of the Intertribal Monitoring Association and an explanation of the process for ensuring tribal participation in Association trust-related goals as established by the membership. ITMA’s relationship to Indian organizations, the Federal government and the Congress.*

.....**ITMA Chairman Michael Finley**  
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Colville

**9:30 a.m. REVIEW OF 20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA  
& OVERVIEW OF ITMA ACTIVITIES**

*A review of the 20th Annual Conference Agenda. Provide an overview of projects ITMA has been involved in throughout FY10. Discuss issues to be presented for discussion at this session requesting tribal input in developing initiatives for FY2011.*

.....**Mary Zuni-Chalan**  
ITMA Executive Director

**9:40 a.m. ITMA MONITORING REPORT ON TRUST ISSUES**

*An overview of monitoring activities on trust reform and resources initiatives of the Federal government - OST and BIA. In addition to monthly meetings with OST, staff conducted in-depth review and problem solving regarding issues that impact all tribes.*

.....**Brian Gunn, Esq.**  
ITMA Trust Monitor Consultant

**10:00 a.m. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - INDIAN AFFAIRS**

*The Department of Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs will provide an update on the current Administration's activities and efforts that affect the tribal membership of ITMA.*

.....**Honorable Del Laverdure**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE**

*Report on the Office of the Special Trustee initiatives and implementation of the Fiduciary Trust Model (FTM); update on risk management, land title status reports, whereabouts unknown, transfer of minerals collections from MMS, probate reform.*

.....**Donna Erwin**  
Acting Special Trustee for American Indians, OST

**12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)**

**1:00 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*A description of the objectives of the Office of Inspector General. OIG conducted an evaluation of BIA's Indian Land Consolidation Program. As part of their our evaluation, they are looking at all of the areas within the Interior that must coordinate with the Program, such as Appraisals, Probate, Land Title and Records, etc. The OIG interviewed OST and other appropriate offices, and in addition, they reached out to ITMA to gain an understanding of the concerns and recommendations of Tribes. The OIG has developed a written report of the research and findings and will present them to the ITMA meeting participants.*

.....**Brian Brazil, Evaluator**  
.....**Katelyn DeMello, Evaluator**  
Office of the Inspector General - Western Region

**2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. PANEL - LAND CONSOLIDATION AND ESTATE PLANNING**

*A report on the ITMA/BIA Rocky Mountain Land Consolidation and Estate Planning Pilot Project utilizing current tools available in AIPRA to deal with fractionated lands. Discussion on conveyance issues. Status report of BIA's Indian Land Consolidation Office current activities.*

.....**Chairman Michael Jandreau**  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
.....**Majel Russell, Esq.**  
Elk River Law Office  
.....**Susan Williams, Esq.**  
Susan Williams Law Offices  
.....**Brenda Walhovd**  
BIA Indian Land Consolidation Office

**4:30 p.m. RECESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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WEDNESDAY – October 20, 2010  
4:45 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Room: Nile B

**CONVENE ITMA TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

**AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER.....Chairman Michael Finley

TRIBAL MEMBER ROLL CALL.....ITMA Executive Director Mary Zuni

**NOMINATIONS FOR FY2011 ITMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Six Board Seats Expiring
- Associations Representative *tbd by Associations*

**ELECTIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPIRED POSITIONS**

.....ITMA Executive Director Mary Zuni

**CRITERIA FOR ELECTIONS**

- Only ITMA Tribal members in good standing are allowed to participate in the voting process
- Only official Tribal Leaders or Delegates on file with ITMA are eligible to nominate and vote
  - The Board seat belongs to the Tribe, who designates its representative
  - Six seats expire at the October 2010 Conference (other current seated Tribes serve through the 2011 Annual Conference)
  - Official Tribal Delegate on record with ITMA must be present to accept nomination for Board seat
  - Newly elected Board Members serve a two-year term – (beginning October 2010 ending at 2012 Annual Conference)

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**Board Member terms ENDING AT THE OCTOBER 2010 Annual Conference. Elections will be conducted for these following seats:**

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| 1. Oneida Nation of Wisconsin | 4. Warm Springs Tribes                    |
| 2. Salish & Kootenai Tribes   | 5. Tlingit & Haida Tribes                 |
| 3. Sac and Fox Nation         | 6. Association Representative- <i>tbd</i> |

**Current ITMA Board of Directors Members SERVING THROUGH 2011 Annual Conference:**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tohono O'odham Nation        | 5. Nez Perce Tribe |
| 2. Three Affiliated Tribes      | 6. Yakama Nation   |
| 3. Colville Confederated Tribes | 7. Crow Tribe      |
| 4. Chippewa Cree Tribe          |                    |

**ADJOURN ITMA TRIBAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY – October 20, 2010**

**5:30 p.m. Room: Platinum Lounge - 22nd Floor**

**CONVENE ITMA FY 2011 Board of Directors Meeting**

- **Election of FY 2011 Board Officers**
  - *Chairman*
  - *Vice Chairman*
  - *Secretary*
  - *Treasurer*
- **ITMA Business Meeting**

**THURSDAY– October 21, 2010**

**Room : Nile B.....8:30 a.m.....CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 a.m. RECONVENE MEETING.....ITMA Chairman**

**INVOCATION.....Tribal Representative**

**9:05 a.m. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT**

*An overview of the U.S. House of Representatives House Resources Committee agenda and priorities for the 112th Session of Congress.*

.....**Chris Fluhr, Staff Director**  
U.S. Congress, House Resources Committee

**TRIBAL PERSPECTIVE - ADMINISTRATIVE & CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*A tribal perspective of the Department of Interior's, Congress' and the Administration's activities as it relates to Trust issues.*

.....**Shenan Atcitty, Esq.**  
ITMA Legal Consultant

**9:30 a.m. PANEL: TRIBAL CONSORTIUM REPORTS**

.....**Chairman Michael Jandreau**  
United Sioux Tribes

.....**Gordon Belcourt, Executive Director**  
Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

.....**Vice Chairman Ernest Stensgar**  
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

.....**Gay Kingman, Executive Director**  
Great Plains Tribal Leaders Council

.....**Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director**  
United South Eastern Tribes

***Open Break***

**11:00 a.m. PANEL: INTERTRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

*A sharing of information on priorities established by various Intertribal organizations. Several groups have recently held their annual sessions.*

.....**David Lester, Executive Director**  
Council of Energy Resources Tribes

.....**VaRene Martin, Vice President**  
Native American Finance Officers Assn

.....**Jim Stone, Executive Director**  
Intertribal Bison Cooperative

**12:00 NOON ANNUAL LUNCHEON .....Room: Nile C  
& SILENT ART AUCTION**

**1:15 p.m. REPORT - REVIEW OF DOI APPRAISALS PROCESS**

*ITMA facilitated a review and discussion with Indian Country of DOI's appraisal process for Indian trust property, developing recommendations for improving that process consistent with the Secretary's trust responsibility, and communicating issues to OST in a final report. Appraisals have been a source of significant confusion and misunderstanding. This outreach responded to the numerous questions, comments, and other input relating to appraisals from tribal leaders and attendees at ITMA Listening Conferences and meetings.*

.....**Brian Gunn, Esq.**  
ITMA Legal Consultant

**2:15 p.m. PANEL: AMERICAN INDIAN REFORM ACT OF 1994 & FUTURE OF OST**

*Initial purpose of the 1994 Act. Presentation of current roles of BIA and OST. Future options for possible administrative restructuring to improve management of trust programs. Discussion of funding, capacity and timelines."*

.....**Facilitator, David Harrison, Esq.**  
ITMA Consultant, David Harrison Consulting

.....**Michael Black, BIA Director (invited)**  
DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs

.....**Vice President Will Micklin**  
Tlingit & Haida Tribes & ITMA Board Member

.....**Vice Chairman Ernest Stensgar**  
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Trust Committee Chairman

.....**Donna Erwin, Acting Special Trustee**  
Office of the Special Trustee

.....**James Gray, Committee Member**  
OST Advisory Committee

**4:15 p.m. TRIBAL TRUST LITIGATION UPDATE**

*Brief overview of the current tribal trust funds and resources related litigation, including proposed class actions; apparent litigation strategies of the government; recent settlements, judgments, and decisions; current joint settlement efforts; tribal organization recommendations. Discussions from the floor by tribal attorneys encouraged.*

.....**David Harrison, Esq.**

**5:00 p.m. RECESS MEETING Until Tomorrow**

**FRIDAY – October 22, 2010**

**Room : Nile B.....8:30 a.m.....CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 a.m. RECONVENE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Invocation.....Tribal Representative**

**9:05 a.m. NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND - TRIBAL TRUST FUND LITIGATION**

*A status report by the Native American Rights Fund on the current tribal trust fund litigation.*

.....**Melody McCoy, Esq.**  
Native American Rights Fund

**9:30 a.m. TRUST REFORM LEGISLATION IN THE 112th CONGRESS?**

*A group of tribes and tribal organizations have been meeting in recent months to discuss the possibility of trust reform legislation during the 112th Congress and before the end of a first Obama Administration. An initial draft of legislative concepts will be presented.*

.....**Vice Chairman Ernest Stensgar**  
Coeur D'Alene Tribe/ATNI Trust Committee Chairman

.....**Helo Hancock, Esq.**

**11:00 a.m. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE PRIORITIES & DIRECTIVES**

.....**ITMA Chairman**

**CLOSING INVOCATION.....Tribal Representative**

**12:00 p.m. ADJOURN 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE.....ITMA Chairman**

*Safe Travels Home*